

FULLY EXONERATED

Captain Mollstad, of the Stanford, Free From Blame.

STEAMER ELDER SOLD AGAIN

Stowaway on Aragonia Makes Successful Sneak—New Line of Coast Steamers Projected—Note and Comment on Waterfront.

Yesterday's noon express brought to Captain Thomas Mollstad, of the American barkentine Jane L. Stanford, now repairing in this port, an official letter from U. S. Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Edwards and Fuller of Portland, advising him of the gratifying fact that he was entirely exonerated from any and all blame in connection with the collision between his vessel and the steamer J. B. Stetson, which occurred off the mouth of the Columbia river on the 12th of June last. He was held absolutely blameless. The good news soon spread among the many friends of Captain Mollstad in this port and he was congratulated heartily on all sides. No one expected any other result of the investigation, yet the official announcement was none the less welcome when it came as a formal justification of the very general conclusion. Captain Mollstad has the reputation of being a careful, conscientious officer and his work, according to his owners and oldest friends, is to be taken under any and all circumstances; hence, his story of the wreck has always been implicitly believed here in this relation.

The full onus of blame falls upon Captain S. Bonafield, of the Stetson, and his first mate, W. T. Treble, is involved in the charge of negligence, carelessness and lack of skill, and the license of the captain will be revoked for a period of one year, while that of his mate is taken away for six months.

The steamer Stetson cleared at the custom house here yesterday for San Pedro, with 800,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Tongue Point mills, but it is probable she will be held here pending the arrival of a new captain and another mate, as she would hardly be allowed to begin another voyage under discredited officers.

One of the worst features developed at the investigation, was the failure of the Stetson to stand by the ship with which she had been in such undue contact. The testimony in showed that she passed away from the scene without even a hail to a vessel that, for all the knowledge had on board the steamer, might have been in a sinking condition; one of the most unsailorly things known in marine life.

There will probably be no appeal made from the decision of the inspectors, and it is equally probable that no formal suit in libel will be instituted against the Stetson for the \$5000 damage done to the Stanford, the effect of the judgment rendered at Portland, being ample to justify the owners of the Stetson in settling fully and promptly the bill of costs for which she was responsible, out of court.

Yesterday's Evening Telegram of Portland, contains the following:

"The sale of the steamship George W. Elder yesterday is an indication that before many months Portland will once more have a fine steamship service down the coast—some say the best that it has

Current Events In Society Here

The most distinguished and artistic wedding that Astoria has ever witnessed took place at the Presbyterian church at 8:30 o'clock June 30th. The high contracting parties were Mr. Chas. W. Halderman, son of Mr. W. J. Halderman, a prominent banker of Burchard, Nebraska, and nephew of U. S. Senator C. W. Fulton. The bride was Miss Bertha, youngest daughter of the late Hon. John Hobson and sister of Mrs. C. W. and G. C. Fulton. The new and spacious church was decorated with white, pink and green, and under the skillful direction of Mrs. Herman Prael presented a most beautiful and gorgeous floral bower of loveliness. The organ was presided over by Miss Maud Ross, daughter of Mr. J. T. Ross.

As the music changed to the soft notes of the wedding march, the groom came from the right with his best man, Mr. R. Trullinger. Then the four ushers, Messrs. Ohler, Allen, Woodfield, and Trullinger came down the aisle, and following came the bridesmaids, the Misses Reed, Elmore and Fredericksen in white mull, carrying bouquets of pink carnations. Following the bridesmaids came the dainty little girl Constance in pink frock, daughter of Dr. J. A. and Mrs. Fulton, and from her overfilled basket she added beauty and fragrance to the already entrancing scene. The maid of honor, Miss Berry, in pink mull carrying a shower bouquet of pink carnations, preceded the bride, who followed in all her loveliness, carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and with the sweetest smile she gave her hand to her affianced, who led her to the altar, and in the quiet beauty of the hour, the Rev. W. S. Gilbert read the beautiful marriage ceremony which united them in the holy bonds. Mr. G. C. Fulton gave the bride away.

From the church all repaired to the handsome home of Senator and Mrs. Fulton where Mesdames C. W. and G. C. Fulton had prepared a most gorgeous reception in honor of the bride and groom. The bride was a picture robed in her pure white 'princess' that set off her form to perfection. The gems in

ever had. While Charles P. Doe of the North Pacific Steamship Company, will be at the head of the leading line and direct its movements, so far as the general public has been advised, it is believed that James J. Hill will be the prime factor in the operation of a new fleet of vessels which will be placed on the route.

"Mr. Doe was in Portland yesterday from San Francisco and purchased a controlling interest in the Elder, which he will place in commission between Portland and Port Los Angeles just as soon as the repairs now being made to her have been completed. Before departing for San Francisco this morning, Mr. Doe announced to a number of his close acquaintances that the company he represents is drawing up plans for building one of the finest steamers that was ever operated on the Pacific Coast. She will also go on the Portland-Los Angeles run, making port of entry calls each way at San Francisco. She will be of about 2000 tons net register and have space for the accommodation of 500 passengers. It is declared that she will be strictly modern and so far superior to the steamers now on the route that there can be no comparison between them. It is claimed that the new craft will cost close to \$500,000. A contract for her construction will probably be let in two weeks."

her necklace, the groom's gift, scintillated among the laces on her corsage and beneath the folds of her soft veil.

Mrs. Charles W. Fulton was attired in a beautiful "princess" lace over pink chiffon, and Mrs. G. C. Fulton in an elegant gown of white crepe, and Mrs. Halderman, mother of the groom, in rich black lace. The decorations of the room were beautiful indeed. All day long under the supervision of Mrs. P. A. Stokes the labor of love and many willing and artistic hands had been arranging and weaving garlands of sweet flowers, adding beauty and fragrance everywhere, and each room was dressed in a special color. The library in red roses, the drawing-room in pink, and the reception room in garlands of smilax and pink roses where the bridal party stood. Add to this the wealth and beauty of dress and jewels, the happy smiles and glad greetings of Astoria's good people, and the picture is one long to be remembered. The superb refreshment room in green and white with its cut-glass, and silver, and many good things, was not only a thing of beauty, but greatly appreciated by all. The wedding presents were numerous and many, and of great value.

Ocean Circle, No. 145, Women of Woodcraft, held a most enjoyable reunion and sociable on Friday evening last, at their hall, when Organizer Mrs. N. J. Lottritz lent the welcome zest of her presence to the occasion. There were many members and friends of the order in attendance, and a pleasant program was unfolded during the course of the evening, of which the following were the leading features: Address by Mrs. Lottritz; public installation ceremonies, led by the organizer; vocal solo, Dr. Kinella; recitation, by Emma Wooten; vocal duet, by James Vernon and Miss Laurie McCann and two fine quartettes, by Messrs. F. L. Hall, G. Zigler, Thomas Wooten and Alfred Schroder. The hall was prettily decorated and delightful refreshments were served.

The Misses Wise gave a Fourth of July party to about 15 of their friends on Friday afternoon. The rooms of the pleasant home were beautifully decorated with the national colors, red, white and blue, and patriotic games were indulged in. Those present passed a most enjoyable afternoon.

The members of the Thursday afternoon club were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Arthur A. Finch this week. Five Hundred was the game of the afternoon, Mrs. Richard Carruthers being the fortunate prize-winner.

Mrs. W. E. Tallant and Miss Harriet Tallant gave a picnic to Olney for about 30 of their friends on the Fourth of July. The launch Daphney carried the merry crowd to their destination and back again.

On next Tuesday evening the ladies of the St. Agnes' Guild of the Grace Episcopal church, will give a moonlight excursion to McGowan beach.

Mrs. Senator C. W. Fulton will be at home to her friends on each Wednesday in the month of July, at 462 Seventeenth street.

Miss Maja Fredricksen gave a violin recital for the pupils of her class at the First M. E. Church on Monday evening.

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Rev. E. W. St. Pierre, chaplain of the State Penitentiary, will speak upon the work among our criminal classes. Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7; evening worship, 8 o'clock, "Standing Still and Going Forward."

Swedish.
There will be services as usual. Morning service in Swedish and evening service in English. Rev. Sandstedt from Kansas will preach. All welcome.

Methodist Church.
Morning worship and sermon at 11, sermon theme, "What Is God?" Sunday school at 12:15; Epworth League at 7; evening worship and sermon at 8, sermon theme, "The Jonah and the Whale Story." A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. C. C. Ratiek, pastor.

Baptist Church.
All the regular service will be observed as usual. Sermons will be preached on the following themes: "The Importance of Forgiveness," and "The Way That Appareth To Be Right But Which Ends In Death." Come everybody.



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